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- 1. The plant area of the Orsk (58°35° E/51°12° N) glider plant, chkalov Oblast, adjoined an airfield of about two acres which had a large barracks block. The barracks buildings were occupied by pilot students who, before receiving routine flight training, were given pre-flight glider training. The best students, about 20 percent, were assigned to training on conventional aircraft and the remainder were made glider pilots or *landing troopers.* Each course lasted eight months.
- 2. The gliders were towed by conventional planes or launched from the ground by winches. Parachute jumps and the landing of troop units by parachutes or cargo gliders were practiced.
- 3. Small gliders and large cargo gliders were manufactured in the aircraft plant.
- 4. An airfield, about 2,000-meter square, was under construction in an open terrain about 3 km east of Orsk.
- 5. The following barracks buildings were being constructed on the south and east edges of the field:

a. I five or six-story building, about 100 x 40 meters, of which five stories were completed.

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- b. Two buildings each on both sides of the mentioned building. The buildings, each about 60 x 30 meters, were completed up to the second floor.
- c. Two buildings, each about 60 x 30 meters, not completed.
- 6. The airfield, about 1,000 x 800 meters, had no buildings except for a corrugated sheet metal hangar.
- 7. The following flying activity was seen:
 - a. Practice flying with three v-2s each toulng a glider of large span.
 - b. Individual parachute junes from U-2s.
 - c. Occasional night flights.
 - d. Delly landing of a trin-engine consercial plane.
- 8. Personnel: 5c to 8c men.

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